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RE: Comments on Quitchupah Creek Road, Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

Dear Ms. Jackson and Mr. Erickson:

The Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining received a copy of the Quitchupah Creek Road Draft Environmental Impact Statement on December 7, 2001. We offer the following comment:

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining is the agency responsible for permitting coal mining and reclamation operations within the State of Utah. Such permitting actions may or may not include public roads or portions of public roads. In order to make such permitting decisions concerning roads or portions of roads, OGM analyzes written information and data. In reading the DEIS, it has been noted that in a number of places throughout the document, the terms "coal hauling route" or "coal haul traffic" are used (Abstract, Executive Summary p. vii, 1-1, 1-13). Since 'coal haulage' is a term often associated with on-site mining activities, the use of this type of terminology has the potential for confusing the reader and may make it difficult to distinguish where mining activities end and public transportation begins. Thus, OGM encourages the writers of this EIS to carefully evaluate its current descriptions of the proposed activities for the road and to consider the use of language or descriptions in the final EIS that 1) is as precise as possible to the exact activities, i.e., the transportation of coal, and 2) that includes descriptions of all proposed activities and uses of the road.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project. Please call if you have questions.

Sincerely,

*[Signature]*

Lowell P. Braxton  
Director